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discursive as to points settled by more recent decisions, and many of the extended statements of facts in, or quotations from, a single case in the notes have been so reduced as to show only the points decided."

In conclusion, it may be said that the three volumes make an extremely useful and valuable addition to any library, containing, as they do, so clear, succinct, and authoritative a treatment of most of the subjects of importance in contract law.

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A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON THE LAW OF RECEIVERS, AS APPLICABLE TO INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND CORPORATIONS, WITH EXTENDED CONSIDERATION OF RECEIVERS OF RAILWAYS AND IN PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY. By WILLIAM A. ALDERSON, of the Los Angeles Bar. Pp. lxxi+956. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1905.

The title of this volume accurately portrays the scope of the work. It covers a department of the law the importance of which is increasing under the influence of modern industrial conditions. This work is written by the editor of the last edition of "Beach on Receivers" (1897). All the cases decided prior to the present year are considered in Mr. Alderson's volume. He has adopted the form of treatise usually in vogue to-day. The subject-matter is considered under the heads of twenty-six chapters and six hundred and seventy-eight numbered sections. Each section has a black-letter title, which is reproduced in the Table of Contents. The citations of the cases referred to in the text are given in the foot-notes. It is to be regretted that the dates of the cases do not accompany the citations. The volume is made complete by the customary Table of Cases and Index. The treatise is exhaustive and should prove of value to the practitioner.

A. S. F.

OUTLINES OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT. S. W. FURST, Williamsport, Pa., Author and Publisher. 1904.

In a series of outlines covering less than twenty pages Mr. Furst has prepared in logical order, from township to nation, a complete analysis of the republican form of government.

Beginning with local forms, the political development of our government from the township, through borough, city, county, and state, to the nation is presented as one connected system. The book is useful for general reference. Every other page is left blank for notes, etc.